## Student Housing SAC Terms of Reference

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| Committee Name: | Student Housing Student Advisory Committee | Type: | Student Advisory Committee - Advocacy |
| Chairperson: | Advocacy Engagement Coordinator | **Vice-Chair:** | AVP, Advocacy |
| Responsible to: | Sr. Manager, Advocacy |  |  |

# Purpose

Through membership inclusion and consultation, CSI can ensure that its advocacy efforts are supported and representative of its members and assist in fulfilling Board End 3.1: Students are heard and represented. To improve CSI’s outreach and ensure continued conversation on important elements of the student experience are ongoing, the Student Housing Student Advisory Committee was developed to:

1. Provide student feedback on housing issues related to the student experience
2. Create connections to the student population of all major campuses on housing issues
3. Elevate the personal stories of students for the greater good
4. Provide consultative bodies for the development of solutions to housing issues identified by advisory committees and broader membership

# Composition

Each committee will be co-chaired by the Advocacy Engagement Coordinator and the Associate Vice-President of Advocacy.

All committees will aim to have representation from all major campuses and allow for general student membership. The composition of the committees will include:

* The Advocacy Engagement Coordinator (Co-Chair)
* CSI’s Associate Vice President of Advocacy (Co-Chair)
* Brantford Representative
* Cambridge Representative
* Doon Representative
* Downtown Kitchener Representative
* Guelph Representative
* Milton Representative (Fall 2023)
* Reuter Representative (Fall 2022/23)
* Waterloo Representative
* 3 General Student Members

All student committee members must be a member in good standing of CSI.

# Terms of Office

All student committee members will serve a maximum of a one-year term. Members will not be eligible to reapply to the same committee after the expiry of their term.

Committee member terms will not be restricted to a specific time of year to allow for ongoing change of membership to align with the varied intakes of Conestoga semesters.

# meetings

The committee will meet once per month for approximately 1-2 hours. Additional meetings may be called by either co-chair when required.

# Mandate

Housing is an essential component of the student experience and has a direct impact on the academic success of students. Adequate, affordable, safe, and accessible housing is integral to ensuring students have the basic necessities to allow their focus to be on their studies, instead of survival.

The Student Housing Student Advisory Committee will focus its scope on analyzing the available housing services provided by the Conestoga College community, exploring community housing supports, identifying current and emerging student housing issues, and brainstorming solutions through the lived experiences of committee members.

#### Mandate:

* Receive and discuss student housing issues and suggestions made by the Conestoga community
* Create and foster an open channel of communication for Conestoga students to share their housing issues and concerns
* Evaluate existing college housing supports and services to identify gaps and areas for improvement to recommend changes where warranted
* Identify and share community housing resources accessible to students
* Determine key areas for student education related to housing
* Provide local student voices to advocacy-related efforts when required

# Unique Duties of designated committee roles

The Advocacy Engagement Coordinator will be a co-chair. Their duties include:

* Scheduling each advisory committee’s monthly meeting.
* Issuing a call for agenda items from committee members for discussion at least 5 business days in advance of the monthly meeting.
* Creating and distributing an agenda at least 2 business days prior to the meeting
* Creating and distributing minutes for each meeting to all committee members and the Senior Manager of Advocacy within 5 business days after the committee meeting.
* Organizing and planning for recruitment in collaboration with CSI’s HR department.
* Informing members of the committee of CSI’s advocacy initiatives and activities within the committee’s scope.
* Creating a semesterly summary report of the feedback, advice, and solutions that is generated by the committee.
* Facilitating and maintaining a respectful, safe, and inclusive environment for all committee members.

The Associate Vice President of Advocacy will serve as the other co-chair for each student advisory committee and contribute to facilitating the meetings and the creation of the semesterly summary report. They will not have administrative duties assigned related to the monthly operations of the student advisory committees.

# Authority & Decision Making

These advisory committees have no authority or decision-making power. They are to act as a collective advisory group only by providing knowledge, critical thinking, and analysis to the issues within the scope of their committee.

# records

The Advocacy Engagement Coordinator is responsible for accurate record keeping. Records will be maintained in digital files and copies of these files will be kept indefinitely on the CSI SharePoint site.